

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 1 Week 10

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

It's hard to believe that we are in Week Ten, Holy Week already. It is often said that this has been a busy term but I have to say that from a whole school perspective this term has been massive.

A highlight obviously has been the great feedback that we received from the Education Review Office confirming the excellent teaching and learning that is going on at St Mary's.

Another highlight has been to welcome so many new pupils to our school and the number of new entrants coming during the remainder of the year (we already have 10 for 2013).

The Year Seven and Eight group are proving to be excellent leaders and they enjoyed an excellent E.O.T.C. experience rafting on the Taieri last week (see pictures).

The ERO team commented on the ownership that the older children felt for the school, that it was their school and if we have our senior pupils so proud of their school that they speak of it with proprietorial air then we must have a successful school community.

I wish to thank you all for all of your support throughout the term especially those who coached or managed sports teams, went on school outings or helped around the school. A huge thank you to Elsie Middleton for keeping our planter boxes looking great and full of colourful flowers.

Thank you also to the staff for all of your work throughout a long busy term.

I wish you all a happy and holy Easter and look forward to seeing you all back for Term Two.

Have a great break, Mike Brosnahan.



Room 7 Rafting Trip Last Week



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Dates for 2012

Tuesday 3rd	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 4th	Skipping demonstration 2.15pm
Thursday 5th	Easter Assembly 2.15pm -End of Term 1
Monday 23rd	Beginning of Term 2
Wednesday 25th	ANZAC Day—school closed
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Wednesday 2nd	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 3rd	Parent meeting for Confirmation 7pm Parish Centre.

A thought for the week...

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Mass Sunday 29th April 9am

Any children able to help lead the singing at Mass please see Mrs Dillon.

Prayer Before Easter Break

Lord Jesus, at the beginning of our Easter break we thank you for the joy of your resurrection which our time away from school celebrates. Help us to have a safe, renewing Easter break so we may return to school refreshed and rested. Fill each one of us with your power of new life.
We pray in your Holy Spirit and in your holy name. Amen.

Mufti Day—thank you

Thank you for your generous donations to Caritas, the total raised was \$200!
-Well done.

School Bank Account

If you wish to pay directly into the school's bank account please put the child's name that you are paying for in the reference box.

The account number is
ASB 123196 0004102 00
St Mary's School Mosgiel

Note—the old Westpac account is now closed

Fundraising for School Camp

Jaylah & Sinead are making Hair Scrunchies, \$3 each or 4 for \$10.
See attached order form for colours etc.

PTA News

PTA Meeting **tonight** at 7.30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Entertainment Books are selling like hot cakes! Well done everyone. Don't forget to ask your friends and relatives etc if they would like a book as there are lots of extra books to sell.

The due date back is tomorrow!

This is a little sooner than we had planned so if you feel you need more time please take it.

I am expecting all money and orders in by the first week of Term Two.

Keep an eye on the noticeboard for PTA notices and meeting minutes. We have a very motivated PTA who are keen for lots of fundraising events this year!

-Jacquie Dodson

St Mary's School Monogram

If you wish to have a jersey or polarfleece jacket monogrammed, please leave these at the school office by the **end of this week**.

We will send these away over the holidays to have the monogram put on.

This usually costs \$10 per jersey, and will be put on your child's school account. Please make sure you have the jersey named.



Future Ferns Netball Practice

All the Year 3 and 4 children who have indicated they wish to play netball this season will have Netball practice this Wednesday straight after school.

Kate Grindley & Jodine MacKenzie

ANZAC Day Poppies For Sale at the School Office -for a donation to the Mosgiel RSA.



Hockey Players Wanted!

We are looking for a few more Hockey players so we could field a full St Mary's Team. Children can start playing from 5 years old, and play in the park opposite school every Saturday morning.
See Lisa Matheson in Rm 4.



Room 5—The Great Escape



Congratulations to the St Mary's Angels T Ball Team winning the Pre-Christmas Competition!



Home Support Reading Tips

On Thursday your child will bring home a handout that gives a number of tips that help you to motivate your child to read at home.

Please look at this and use the ideas in it to make reading a fun activity for your children to do at home.

